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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 医心压口心压 MAT 🗦 O 2008 S.D.C. S.D. N.Y. **CASHIERS**

Judge WelMaham

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FRISOL BUNKERING (H.K.) LID.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CENTRAL OIL CO, LTD.,

Defendant.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, FRISOL BUNKERING (H.K.) LTD. ("Plaintiff"), by its attorneys Blank Rome LLP, complaining of the above-named Defendant CENTRAL OIL CO, LTD ("Defendant"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

- This is a case of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, as hereinafter more fully 1. appears, and is an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Fed.R.Civ.P. 9(h). The Court has admiralty jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1333.
- 2. At all material times, Plaintiff was and now is a corporation organized under the laws of Hong Kong with an office in Hong Kong.

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3. At all material times, Defendant was and now is corporation or other legal entity organized and existing under the laws of Korea or another jurisdiction with an office and place of business in Seoul, Korea, and with no office or place of business in this judicial district.

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- 4. In April 2008, Defendant reduested that Plaintiff supply marine fuel ("bunkers") to the oceangoing vessels TY PLUM and HOHEWEG, and Plaintiff agreed to do so, and did so, on Plaintiff's Standard Terms and Conditions ("STC") ("the Contracts").
- 5. In accordance with the Contracts, Plaintiff furnished the above vessels with bunkers on the dates and with the values shown below.

DATE	VESSEL	AMOUNT	VALUE
a. 9 April 2008	TYPLUM	120 metric tons	\$60,360.00
b. 21 April 2008	HOHEWEG	400.1 metric tons	\$213,853.45
Total			\$274,213.45

- 6. Defendant has failed to pay any of the above amounts within the 30 days allowed, despite due demand, in breach of the Contracts.
- 7. As a result of Defendant's breach of the Contracts, Plaintiff sustained damages in the principal amount of \$274,213 45.
- 8. Plaintiff's STC provides for resolution of disputes arising out of the Contracts before the High Court of Hong Kong, at the option of Plaintiff, in accordance with Hong Kong law. Plaintiff reserves its right to resolve the merits of this dispute in Hong Kong.
- 9. Plaintiff's STC and the relevant invoices also provide that Defendant shall pay interest at 1.5% per month (18% per annum) with respect to late payment and further: "All costs borne by [Plaintiff] in connection to the collection of overdue payments, whether made in or out

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of Court, and in general all costs in connection to any breach of this agreement by [Defendant], shall be for the [Defendant's] account."

- 10. Hong Kong law provides for the recovery of interest, legal fees and litigation costs by a successful party.
- 11. Plaintiff estimates that its recoverable costs, including attorney's fees, in this New York action to obtain security as well as in a Hong Kong litigation which proceeds to judgment on the merits, other appeals, if any, will be \$150,000.
- 12. Based on 18 percent interest per annum on the amounts due calculated from April 21, 2008, and assuming one year to resolution of the dispute, Plaintiff calculates interest in the total amount of \$49,358.42.
 - 13. The total amount claimed by Plaintiff against Defendant is \$463,671.87.
- Supplemental Rule B for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims for the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Rule B"), but is believed to have or will have during the pendency of this action assets within this district consisting of cash, funds, freight, hire credits in the hands of garnishees in this district, including but not limited to, electronic fund transfers, because Defendant conducts business internationally in U.S. Dollars, and all electronic fund transfers are processed by intermediary banks in the United States, primarily in New York.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

- A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Verified Complaint;
- B. That since the Defendant cannot be found within this district pursuant to Rule B, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment

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and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B, attaching all of Defendant's tangible or intangible property or any other funds held by any garnishee in this district which are due and owing or are otherwise the property of the Defendant up to the amount of \$4,63,671.87, to secure Plaintiff's claims, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and, pursuant to Rule B, answer the matters alleged in the Verified Complaint;

- C. That this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of a judgment on the merits of the dispute in London and its enforcement in this action against any assets attached in this District.
- D. That Plaintiff may have such other, further and different relief as may be just, proper, and equitable.

Dated: New York, NY May 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted, BLANK ROME LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

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STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF NEW YORK)	ss:					
LeRoy Lambert, being duly sworn, deposes and says:						
1. I am a member o	the Bar o	f thi	s Honorable Cou	rt and a m	nember of the firm of	
Blank Rome LLP, attorneys for	he Plaintif	f her	ein. I am famili	ar with the	circumstances of the	
Verified Complaint and submit t	his affidav	it in	support of Plain	iff's reque	est for the issuance of	
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CO, LTD. ("Defendant"), a fore	gn corpor	ation	, pursuant to Su	pplementa	l Rule B For Certain	
Admiralty and Maritime Claims	f the Fede	ral R	ules of the Feder	al Rules o	f Civil Procedure.	
2. Defendant is a par	ty to the m	ariti	me contract of c	harter part	y on which this claim	
is based, and is a foreign corpor	ation or ot	ner b	ousiness entity o	rganized a	nd existing under the	
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- 3. Under my supervision, my office conducted a search of the New York State Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, the Transportation Tickler, telephone assistance, and a general internet search.
- 4. In our search, we did not find any listing or reference to Defendant in this judicial district or the state of New York. In the circumstances, I believe Defendant cannot be found within this district.

LeRoy Lambert

Sworn to before me this 30th day of May, 2008/

Notary Public

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